ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

<u>A</u> frame of digital data with L symbols is matched to a frame with N symbols by making that number of copies of the original L symbols that results in N symbols. In particular, M=floor(N/L) is computed. L2=N-ML is computed. (L1=L-L2 where L1 and L2 solve the simultaneous equations L1+L2=L and L1*M+L2*(M+1)=N). The frame is effectively divided into two mutually exclusive groups of symbols; one group (consisting of L1 symbols) is copied M times and the other group (consisting of L2 symbols) is copied M+1 times.